

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): The latest available DGCI&S data is as under:—

(US\$ Million)

	1999-2000 (Apr.-Dec.)	2000-2001 (Apr.-Dec.)
India's Global Exports	26804.18	32066.60
Exports to China	386.97	570.61
India's Global Imports	35030.60	38225.14
Imports from China	917.57	1107.12
India's Global Trade	61834.78	70291.74
India-China Bilateral Trade	1304.54	1677.73

Tax Rebate for Internet users

4151. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that MTNL proposed tax rebate for internet users;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) what is the final decision taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Release of telephone connections in Fatehpur, Bihar

4152. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of applicants of Fatehpur village, District Patna, Bihar are waiting for telephone connections since long;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what are the reasons for not providing telephone connections;

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(d) what action have since been taken by BSNL to provide connections; and

(e) by when all the applicants of the village would be provided telephone connections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 60 persons have deposited money for new telephone connections and are registered in the waiting list.

(c) to (e) Telephone connections to the wait listed persons of Fatehpur village are to be provided from Sampat Chak exchange which is at a distance of about 4.5 Kms. The present connectable capacity of this exchange has been fully utilized. The proposal to install a 1000 lines SBM exchange at Sampat Chak could not materialize so far due to lack of accommodation in the existing exchange building.

However, a notice inviting tender for hiring another suitable building has already been issued and the same is being finalized shortly.

The commissioning of 1000 lines SBM exchange at Sampat Chak and laying of underground cable to Fatehpur village will take some time. It is expected that telephone connections to all the wait listed persons of Fatehpur village will be provided by August, 2001.

BSNL quarters at Kali Bari Marg

[†]4153. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of estimates of works to be carried-out in the quarters of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) situated at Kali Bari Marg, New Delhi for the year 2000 and upto March, 2001 which are pending and since when;

(b) by when all estimates would be sent to the civil wing to carry

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